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Community Transportation Fund

**What projects are needed
in your community?**

**Putting decision-making
in local hands.**



Community Transportation Fund (CTF)

A Closer Look

Have you noticed a drain that needs to be covered, sidewalks or potholes that need to be repaired, or other transportation improvements you or your civic association would like to see in your community? Your project ideas may be a perfect fit for funding through the Community Transportation Fund (CTF).

The CTF was established in the mid-'80s by the state's Bond Bill Committee to speed the process of making relatively small local improvements and also to put decision-making about priorities into the hands of each community through their representatives.

CTF funding provides a fixed amount of funds annually to each State Senator and House Representative to be used as they and their constituents believe is best for transportation improvements within their district. Legislators may also fund their own project ideas and they have the option of banking a portion of their yearly CTF budget for up to three years in order to fund a larger transportation improvement. Funding expires after three years if it is not allocated to projects or estimates that are actively moving forward.



Contact your local State Senator or State House Representative if you have an idea for a community transportation improvement. If you are not sure who they are, or if you need their telephone number, you can log on www.legis.state.de.us and go to "Find My Legislator." Type in your street address, city and zip code. Links will take you to the names, addresses and phone numbers of the legislators you should contact with a CTF idea.

You can also call the Department of Elections for your county to find your legislators.

In Kent County **302-739-4498**
In Sussex County **302-856-5367**
In New Castle County **302-577-3464**

What Types of Projects Can Be Funded?

To be considered for funding through the CTF, proposed improvements projects need to meet three criteria. They must:

- 1. Have a transportation component**
- 2. Be on public property or land dedicated to public use***
- 3. Benefit more than one individual**

**(unless part of the DNREC 21st Century List - A list of projects legislators compile and approve – often drainage-related.)*

These "nuts-and-bolts" type community projects are in addition to the normal roadway and bridge maintenance DeIDOT performs regularly, and are in addition to the larger transportation projects DeIDOT funds through the General Assembly's Capital Transportation Program (CTP) portion of the Bond Bill. For example, a new highway or a local train station would not be funded through the CTF since they are both very expensive. Those types of projects are subject to review at public workshops and by the Governor's Council on Transportation, area Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Bond Bill Committee of the General Assembly.

As long as the project meets program requirements and has the approval of one of the legislators in the community in which the project is located, it can move forward as soon as a contractor is selected and work can be scheduled.

Commonly Funded Projects



Repaving



Drainage problems



Curb replacements



Sidewalks and sidewalk repairs



Safety cones for fire departments



OPTICOMs

(Controls over traffic signals that can be changed to allow for the right-of-way of emergency vehicles)

How to get a local transportation project funded through the CTF

Many of the best, most practical ideas for transportation improvements come from the people who live in, and take pride in, their community. The Community Transportation Fund offers a streamlined way to bring those ideas to life.

Each of Delaware's 62 legislators (21 Senators and 41 Representatives) receives an equal amount of funding from the Delaware General Assembly annually to be used for community transportation improvement projects. It is up to the legislators to decide how the funds will be spent in their districts.

Here's how the process works:

1 Project Idea

An individual, local group, or civic association has an idea for a transportation improvement project that seems appropriate for CTF funding.

2 Project Proposal

The individual or group contacts one of their district's legislators to discuss the idea. The legislator may reject the idea or agree to consider it. (Legislators may also propose their own ideas for projects.)

3 Cost Estimates

The legislator will log onto DeIDOT's CTF website to request project cost estimates for the suggested improvement. The estimates will help the legislator decide whether the proposed project is affordable and fits within his or her CTF budget and community priorities.

4A Project Selection

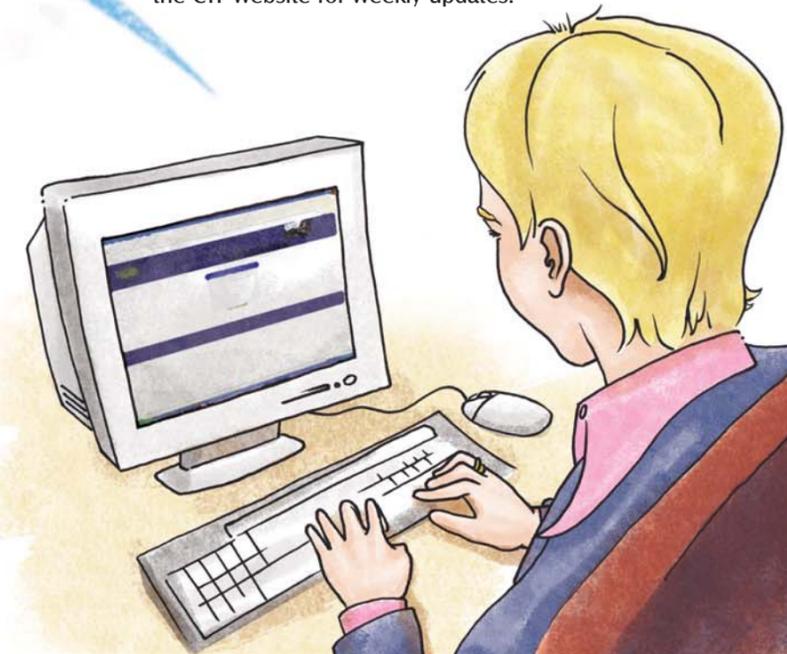
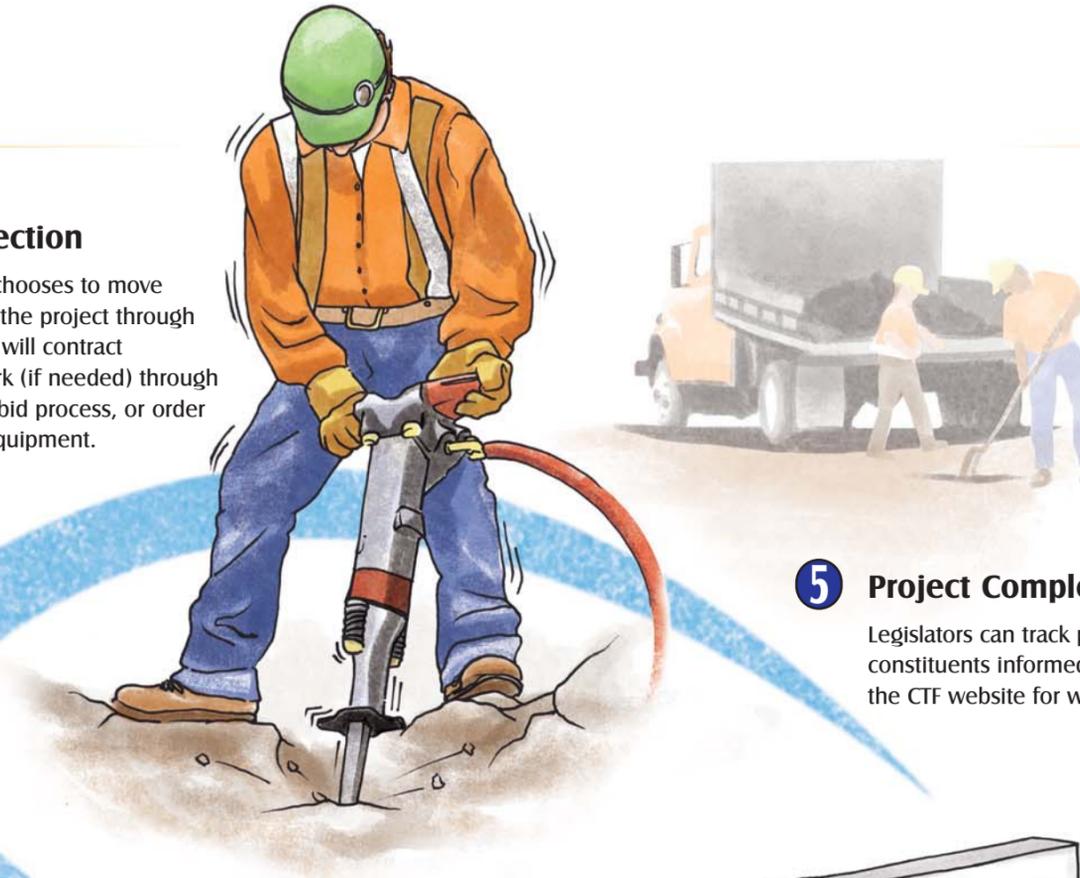
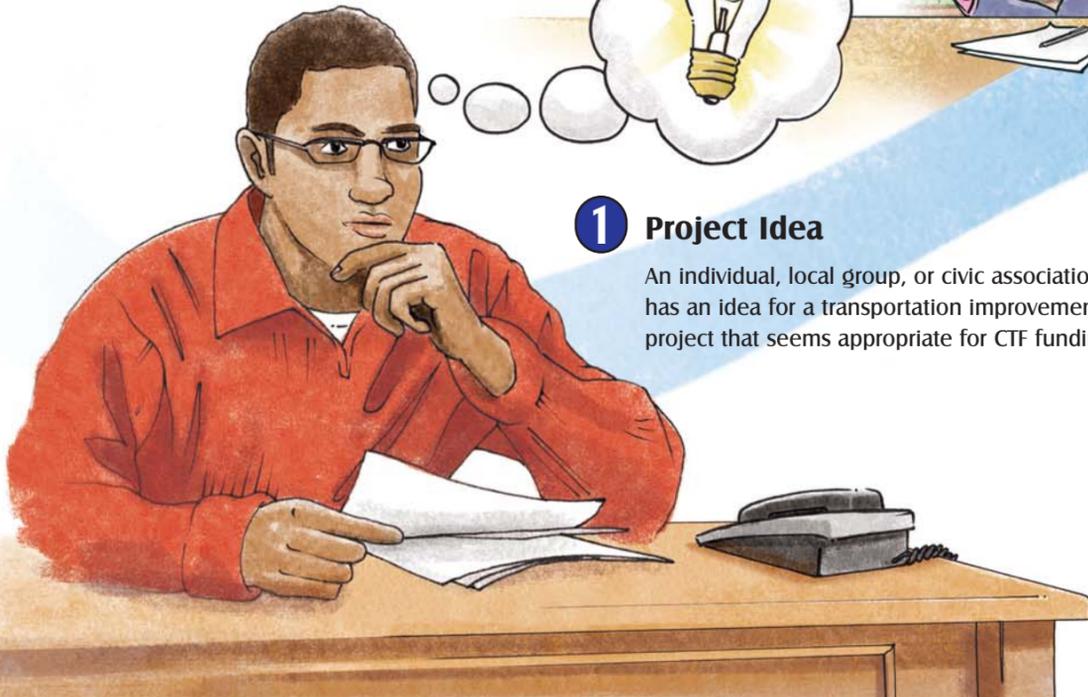
If the legislator chooses to move ahead and fund the project through the CTF, DeIDOT will contract construction work (if needed) through the competitive bid process, or order the requested equipment.

4B Project Rejection

If the legislator chooses not to fund the project through the CTF, it may be because it is too costly, or the legislator may know of other projects that need to be done first. Larger projects rejected for Community Transportation Fund funding may be submitted to DeIDOT for nomination as a project in the Capital Transportation Program (CTP).

5 Project Completion

Legislators can track progress and keep constituents informed by logging onto the CTF website for weekly updates.



How to Get More Information on Transportation Funding Issues

DelDOT and other State agencies can provide you with additional sources of information on this topic, including more detailed literature on specific issues. Please call or write to the address below to learn more.

For in-depth information about other transportation subjects, visit our website at:

www.deldot.gov

F.Y.I. brochures are available on a wide variety of transportation subjects from DelDOT's Office of Public Relations (302) 760-2080.

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